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1. The following were present:

Mr. D. J. Clinton	State
Mr. R. S. Kain	State
* Mr. Howard R. Penniman	State
Maj. J. W. Jacobson	Army
LCdr. J. Madden	Navy
Col. James J. Hausman	Air Force
Maj. Samuel H. Ware	Air Force
* Mr. Edward J. Carroll	USIA
* Mr. Richard W. Berg	USIA
* Maj. A. P. Jelley	OCFW
* Miss Dorothy E. Runge	OCFW
	CIA
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	CIA (Chairman)
	CIA (Vice Chairman)
	CIA (Secretary)

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* Special representatives in attendance during Committee discussion of psychological warfare requirements for NIS Chapters IV, V, and VI.

** Members of Chapter I Task Group, D/B, in attendance during Committee review of Chapter I on Sweden.

2. Proposed Revision of NIS Outline Guide for Chapters IV, V, and VI

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting the representatives of the U. S. Information Agency, the Office of the Chief, Psychological Warfare, U. S. Army, and the Office of External Research, Department of State. He noted that copies of the proposed revision to the Outline Requirements for Chapter IV, Chapter V, and Section 60 of the NIS Standard Instructions had been sent to the represented agencies on 24 March 1955 (refer to NIS Committee Meeting No. 192) to afford them, as well as the NIS Committee members, opportunity to review the proposals and to offer any suggestions which might improve the usefulness of the NIS in the field of psychological

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warfare. He emphasized that the NIS outlines must be responsive to the needs of a broad range of users and could not direct their objectives solely toward any one type of user without violating basic NIS policy. Moreover, NIS requirements had to be related to the practical limitations of collection in order to attain realistic production goals.

The State member reviewed the background of the proposals as they related to the development of psychological warfare requirements over the past four years. Because of the many difficulties, including the difference of opinion among the psychological warfare specialists themselves as to what was desired, it was not until the issuing on 5 August 1954 of the "Report of Survey of Intelligence Needs and Assets of the United States Information Agency" that comprehensive psychological warfare intelligence requirements were defined in terms of basic intelligence coverage. From that survey stemmed the proposals which are now under discussion.

The representatives of USIA reported that their agency was well pleased with the proposals and felt they would in large part satisfy its basic intelligence requirements. Because of unavoidable delays, USIA will not be able to offer any specific suggestions for changes in the proposed revisions before next week. These changes will generally be along lines of more specific topical detail. The Chairman replied that the detailed NIS files in State are available as a backstop to the published NIS and should serve as a basis for answering necessary ad hoc requirements of the USIA.

The representatives of OCPW also agreed that the proposals were sound and would furnish a large measure of intelligence support to that office. They noted, however, that the proposals did not cover the field of special operations. The Chairman replied that by general agreement with OCPW no attempt would be made to consider requirements for special operations until a consolidated position had been reached by the Defense Agencies. OCPW had prepared a list of suggested changes and modifications to the proposals, copies of which were given to all those present.

The Chairman requested the State member to review the various suggestions submitted by the several agencies, along with those which USIA would submit later, and prepare a report as a basis for NIS Committee discussions and final action.

3. Review of Chapter I on Sweden

The Chairman said that in his opinion the Chapter I on Sweden was an excellent, well-rounded presentation in every respect. The members reported their review confirmed this opinion. Minor comments and suggested changes were passed to the Chapter I Task Group for consideration. The Committee considered certain substantive changes to the text and graphics and approved some for incorporation into the page proofs. The question of control for Chapter I on Sweden was left open for further examination.

4. Federal Reserve Request for Section 65

The members reported concurrence of their agencies to the release of Section 65 (Trade and Finance) on all NIS Areas to the Federal Reserve in accordance with the request of its Board of Governors under date of 18 March 1955. The Chairman said he will inform the Secretary, IAC, of the Committee's approval so that the necessary IAC directive may be issued.

5. NIS Production Forecast

The Chairman reported that production forecast schedules were being prepared through Fiscal Year 1958 on Section 45 (Health and Sanitation), Section 56 (Intelligence and Security), and Supplement V (Petroleum). These will complete the forecasts on all NIS elements and provide the basis for developing the revised production forecasts to be issued in June. In developing the forecast for Supplement V it has been necessary to consider the overall petroleum situation and consequently the related Sections 62 containing the subsections on petroleum. Copies of the proposed revision of the production forecast for Section 62 and Supplement V were distributed. The Committee agreed to examine the proposal and discuss it at the next meeting.

6. Miscellany

a. With respect to a question raised at the last meeting, the Vice Chairman reported that NIS Editorial Instructions and CIA Regulations require each page of a controlled contribution to be marked with the control statement, "Not Releasable to Foreign Nationals," or the abbreviation "NOFORN".

b. The Vice Chairman said he had looked into the feasibility of listing in the Quarterly Report those NIS elements which were not to be published, either because the topic was not pertinent to the area in question or because the topic had been incorporated into another section (refer to para. 9g of NIS Committee Meeting No. 192). He said that the listing of such sections would add several pages to the Quarterly Report and make it unnecessarily complicated. In view of this he recommended that the information be set forth in the Introduction Section of each Chapter. The Committee concurred.

c. The Vice Chairman reported that the submission of Section 25 (Urban Areas) of NIS 99 (Philippine Islands) was overdue since 31 March 1955. The Army member said that difficulty in coordinating this section within Army would require rescheduling it for submission in May 1955.

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d. The State member requested that some limitation be placed on the length of individual biographies submitted to State for incorporation in "Key Personalities." He suggested a general limit of three manuscript pages. The Chairman said he would request the Key Personalities coordinator to take up this matter with the working group.

e. The State member stated that no contribution on Section 45 (Health and Sanitation) was scheduled for the consolidated Chapter IV on Luxembourg which was due this fiscal year. The Army member said he would look into the question with the Surgeon General's Office and work out with State some arrangement for a contribution.

f. The Army and Navy members reported certain complications arising out of coordination of Section 17 (Scientific). The Navy member said that the arrangements for submitting new contributions were so complex that the Navy member of the SEC had proposed a modification which, however, was not acceptable to that committee. The Chairman said he would consult with the Section 17 coordinator to see what could be done to improve matters. He said he was reluctant, however, to interfere with working procedures which had the approval of the SEC since that committee was charged with full coordinating and production responsibilities for Section 17 and the related Chapter VII.

7. The next meeting of the NIS Committee will be held at 1000 hours on Tuesday, 3 May 1955.

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